

## REGISTRATION FORM

All teams must be registered by:

**March 31, 2006**

### SEND FORMS TO:

**Gary Redden  
USDA NRCS  
465 Ragland Road  
Beckley, WV 25801**

School or Organization:

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Team Members:

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Coach/Coaches:

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### Sponsors:

The WV Grassland Evaluation  
Contest Committee would like to  
acknowledge the many people who  
make this contest possible:

*WV Grassland Steering Committee*

*WV Conservation Districts*

*WV State Conservation Committee*

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# WEST VIRGINIA



## GRASSLAND EVALUATION CONTEST

April 7, 2006

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual West Virginia Grassland Evaluation Contest

## The West Virginia Grassland Steering Committee

**Committee** is an organization made up of farmers, educators, scientists, conservationists, and government agencies with a common interest in forages. The committee is an advocate and proponent for improvement and continued wise use of grassland to improve water quality and maintain healthy and productive land and maximize profits. Forages make up two thirds or more of the feed utilized for livestock. Forages provide food and shelter for wildlife, greatly reduce soil erosion, and protect water quality.

Increasing awareness of grassland management through education is one of the strategic issues identified by the steering committee. With this in mind, they initiated West Virginia's first Grassland Evaluation Contest. It was held in April, 2001 at Jackson's Mill during the annual Beef Expo. Its purpose is to improve the participants' knowledge of grassland management.

## Contest Categories

- Pasture Condition
- Plant I.D.
- Soils Interpretation
- Wildlife Habitat

## Eligible Participants:

A contest team may consist of a maximum of 4 or a minimum of 3 FFA or 4-H members who are currently enrolled at the high school level.

## Scholarships:

All members of the first place team will receive a **\$500** scholarship, second place team members will receive a **\$250** scholarship, and the highest scoring individual will receive a **\$500** scholarship.

The first place team is eligible to participate in the Mid-America Contest at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

## For More Information Contact:

**Gary Redden**

**304-255-9225 ext 136**

For additional information view our web site at □  
[http://www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov/wv\\_contest/contest.html](http://www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov/wv_contest/contest.html)

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